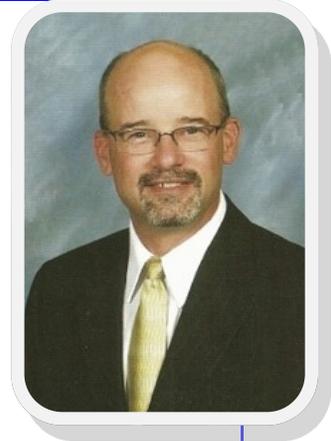


Christ United Methodist Church Salt Lake City

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The March 2020 Connection

RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS



Jesus told the people that they were the salt of the earth and the light of the world. I wonder what that would mean if we were to apply that to Christ UMC? How would we be salt to the earth around us and light to our world? What would that look like in our context? In our time?

On Saturday, February 29th from 9:00-12:00 in the chapel, we, as a church, are invited to consider those questions and more, as we dream about and begin to formulate visions for the church. I'm not sure when the last visioning was done by the church, but I'm sure that at various points you have had some. You certainly must have had visioning events prior to the remodeling in 2004.

Jackie Hibbard (Church Council Chair) and I have invited Rev. Monica Dobbins to lead us in the visioning process. Monica is the Associate Pastor at the large Unitarian Universalist church by the University. She is thoughtful, prophetic, articulate, and organized. We believe she can help us as we begin to frame and articulate what we hope for the future of CUMC.

I've been through several of these visioning processes for churches over the years and I've found that it beneficial for the church to have an opportunity to "think outside the box."

So, Jackie and I encourage you to begin dreaming about different ways we can be light to our world and salt to the people of Salt Lake City! And we invite you to be a part of the process as we dream dreams for the church. We hope to see you on Saturday, Feb. 29th!

Rev. Rusty

It's March (already!) and we are in the season of Lent—the lengthening of days. The days are getting longer. Yeah! March is also the month we return to Daylight Savings Time—Sunday March 8th. Spring is on the way. Maybe the piles of snow are receding even at higher elevations.



This time of year reminds me of the old stories and fables about kingdoms and landscapes turned into perpetual winter. They make great books and movies. Frozen I and II come to mind. The Chronicles of Narnia do too. Stories about lands caught in perpetual winter because of some evil person or power, and then through magic, divine intervention or the “magical power of unselfish love” the cold of winter gives way to the warmth of spring and summer. Those stories give me hope!

More than the lengthening of days and growing sunlight, Lent is the season of the church year for us to step back and contemplate our relationship with God, self and others. It is a time for reflection and returning back to God. Consider these words from Hosea 6

Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is He who has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up...Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; His appearing is as sure as the dawn; He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.

Consider this phrase from one of my favorite hymns, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Oh, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wondering heart to Thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.*

Regardless of where you are in life or what's happening in your world remember that God is with you and will not leave you. God cares for us individually and collectively. Let hope keep and uphold you! Take time as we go through the season of Lent and approach Easter to listen and reflect to God's still, small voice. And celebrate the return of sunshine and spring.

Pastor Bruce Kolasch
Pastor of congregational care

UMW SPONSORED ALL-CHURCH BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

11:45 AM in the CHAPEL

DELICIOUS BREAKFAST CASSEROLES, BREADS & FRUIT

Suggested Donation: \$5.00/per person

Reserve your place by March 15 on card in bulletin or at

umw@christumcutah.org

PROGRAM:

PETER BROMBERG. DIRECTOR,
Salt Lake City Main Library



Peter Bromberg has been Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library since September, 2016. In his first year he was able to pass a 23.3% budget increase, creating \$1.5 million in new funding for long-term facilities maintenance, while also eliminating all late fees. **No more fines for late returns!**

In his 25 year career, Peter has held many leadership roles in regional, state, and national associations. As a Board Member of EveryLibrary.org, Peter provides pro bono training and consulting to libraries. Locally, Peter Chairs the Utah Library Association Advocacy Committee, which led a successful fight against the censorship of databases in Utah schools in 2018.

Of course, you can read & check out books at the beautiful downtown library, but there is so much more...

COME, LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING RESOURCES

AVAILABLE AT TODAY'S MAIN LIBRARY DOWNTOWN



Volunteers Needed



Spring Children's Ministries Volunteer Recruitment

We are in need of volunteers during our 10:30 am Sunday School time to lead one center one time, you can pick the date. The lessons are for children ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade. *It's easy & fun and curriculum is provided.*

Themes and Centers:

- March 1st – 22nd: *Jesus Heals a Young Woman* – Cooking, Art, Science, Storytelling
- March 29th – April 19th: *The Lord's Prayer* – Cooking, Games, Spiritual Practices
- April 26th – May 17th: *Hannah, Samuel, and Eli Listen to God* – Cooking, Missions, Science, Storytelling

Please contact Kelly Carpenter for more information or to help at 801-486-5473 ext. 113 or Children.and.Family@Christumcutah.org .

March Sunday School Themes

- 3 & 4 year olds—People Jesus Helped
- Kindergarten through 3rd Grade—Jesus Heals a Young Woman
- Centers: Cooking, Art, Science, Storytelling
- 4th – 6th Grade—People God Raised from the Dead



Building Better Moms (BBM) will meet on Tuesday, March 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Chapel (Room 100). BBM is for all moms with children ages newborn through high school and childcare can be provided. Register at www.christumcutah.org/buildingbettermoms. For info contact Kelly at 801-486-

5473 ext 113

or Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org.

Tween Flicks

March 8th from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm.

Tween Flicks is for all 4th – 6th graders and their friends. We'll meet in room 201, watch a movie and eat popcorn and pizza. Please contact Jon Jolley at



801-557-6075 to RSVP, so that we have enough food! Parents are also needed to help.

Tweens must be dropped off and picked up in room 201. Suggested donation of \$2 to help cover the cost of the food.

Due to our Safe Sanctuaries policy, we need 2, non-married adults to supervise Tween Flicks. Jon and Barb Jolley will be there, unless otherwise noted, and we need another adult to be the second adult.

Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FAEA728A4F94-20192020>

Sunday Mornings at CUMC for Kids!



At 10:30 am – All children are invited to join Pastor Rusty up front for Children's Time early in the worship service. Children can then attend their respective Sunday School classes. (see below)



Tykes Peak Sunday School for ages 3 & 4 years in room 103

Miracle Mountain Sunday School for ages Kindergarten – 3rd grade that begins in room 201. (This is a rotational format where children experience the Bible story in different stations each week.)

Tween Peaks Sunday School for 4th – 6th Graders in room 209

Nursery care is available for ages 0-2+ years in room 102 from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. Please pick up your children promptly after each worship service.

If you would like more information or have any questions, contact Kelly Carpenter, Children and Young Family Ministries Coordinator, at Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org or 801-486-5473 ext. 113.



On **Sunday, March 1st**, the Sunday School Singers, Kindergarten – 6th graders, will perform during Children's Time at the 10:30 am Worship Service. Throughout the year, the children learn simple songs during the first 5 minutes of Sunday School time. Contact Kelly Carpenter at Children.and.Family@christumcutah.org for info.

Sundays at 10:00 am – Praise Time Choir Chimes for 4th – 6th graders. For more information, contact Desi Jensen at ChimeChoirDirector@christumcutah.org.

Save the Dates

April 11th – Easter Eggstravaganza from 10:00 am until Noon

April 15th – Registration opens for VBS

Lenten Devotionals Available

Beginning February 23rd there will be Lenten devotionals available in the Narthex and office for Adults and Families.

For Adults we have: *The Healing Marks of Jesus: Reflections on the Power of the Risen Christ* Michael Hoy focuses on the marks of the risen Christ as revealed to the disciples after his resurrection.

For Families we have: *The Disciple Ship* Follow Jesus on a faith-full fishing trip this Lent. A daily Bible verse and activity starter are printed on each of the 40 fish-shaped cards.

YOUTH NEWS MARCH 2020!!!

Sunday, March 1st No Youth Group

**Sunday, March 8th Sunday Funday
TBA**

**Sunday, March 15th 11:30am
Youth Planning Session & Talent Show Planning**

MISSION PROJECT – Make a difference for pets and their owners who are living at Palmer Court Transitional Housing! (folks working hard to not be homeless again)

Palmer Court Pet Food & Supplies Service Project

Show Your Love for Animals AND Humans!!!

Sunday, March 22nd 11:30am Pet Food Rebagging at Patsy's House.

Lunch provided!

Friday, March 27th 4:30pm Pet Food & Supplies Delivery

Adult Drivers Needed!

Sunday, March 29th 11:30 am

Let's Talk Sunday

Finances- John Garrigues

If any questions on any youth stuff, please contact Patsy Simons youthdirector@christumcutah.org 801-808-6641

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS

LIFE AND TIMES – (Room 101- 9:00 a.m.) led by David Hoepner

The Life and Times class is continuing its study of The History of Christianity by Dr. Molly Worthen and are now dealing with the “modern era” a great deal. They watch a DVD produced by the Great Courses for about 30 minutes and engage in lively discussion. Their focus is Christian values and how they have evolved in recent history and are still evolving. You are welcome to join the class.

WESLEYAN CLASS - (Parlor – 9:00 a.m.) led by Jay Vestal

Come walk the faith with us! The Wesleyan Class is continuing its Pilgrimage along the Via Francigena with a planned arrival at St Peter's in Rome on Sunday, March 1. They will be investigating the Reformation through primary sources from the times, led by Paul Mitchell and Jennifer Allred during the month of March.

HOLY GROUNDS – Young Adults (20's-30's)

meets in the Youth Room on Sundays (Room 200) at 10:30 a.m.

This gathering does a variety of book studies and/or group discussions tailored for people in their 20's and 30's. They also like to drink coffee and/or tea! In addition to meeting Sunday mornings the group plans other activities. Join us on Facebook at “CUMC Holy Grounds Coffee Hour” or contact us at HolyGrounds@christumcutah.org

WEEKDAYS

BAGEL BOYS (Men's Group) – (Parlor 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 Wednesdays) **All men are welcome!**

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS –(Parlor 9:30-11:00am) Facilitator: Evelyn Kasworm

On March 4th we will begin *Entering the Passion: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

YOGA—

Join us for an easy yoga workout with video guidance on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Room 101.

United Methodist Women

DEBORAH CIRCLE: This group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am in the Parlor.
Contact Bev Mittelstadt, 801-272-7137.

LYDIA CIRCLE: Meet us for Brunch!
Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am at Porcupine Grille 3698 Ft. Union Blvd.
Please RSVP to Lorraine Lakey, 801-277-5695

MARTHA CIRCLE: This group has decided to meet during the day instead of evenings. It will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 3:00pm in the Parlor.
Contact Mary Ann Allison, 801-278-9223 or allison13@mindspring.com.

WITTY KNITTERS: Meet the second Monday of each month at 1:30pm in the Parlor.
For info, contact Pat Linnebur, LINNEBURPT@msn.com.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: All women are invited to join the CUMC Book Club, which meets 1:00pm on the 4th Monday of each month. We read UMW recommended books and suggested books chosen by club members. We would love to have you join! Bev Mittelstadt would be happy to answer any questions! 801-272-7137
The next meeting is Monday, March 23rd. The book is Teaching Outside the Box by Andrew Zirschsky.

Days for Girls is a non-profit organization that helps girls stay in school and retain dignity, giving back important days of their lives. Most girls in developing countries miss school during their periods; many eventually dropping out. Days for Girls aims to do something about that by empowering girls, women, and communities through providing access to sustainable feminine hygiene, as well as menstrual health management training. Various organizations help the cause by making high-quality, washable, reusable feminine hygiene kits.



Volunteers from Christ UMC have been assisting the cause by making cloth drawstring bags for the kits since 2017. This is an assembly line construction method, with jobs for sewers and non-sewers. New volunteers are always welcome! For questions about this mission opportunity, contact Sue Nissen at soozeyq97@gmail.com

Planned 2020 Saturday Days for Girls Workdays at CUMC

March 21st
May 2nd



Deepest Condolences to Gary Perryman on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

The CUMC Youth Group would like to thank everyone for making the Chili Bowl a huge success! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the January Pet Food and Pet Supplies Service Project. Thanks to those who donated, re-bagged pet food, and/ or delivered pet food and supplies to the residents at Palmer Court. This project is possible through your generous donations and time. Our project helped 39 homeless households care for their 32 dogs, 46 cats, 3 parakeets, 1 parrot, and fish. What a difference it makes in the residents' lives to be able to care for their pets! I think that is a record number. Unfortunately we ran out of cat and dog food before everyone got to go through the line. We also had many new families.

Our next delivery date will be March 27th. Re-bagging will be Sunday March 22nd. At this point we need everything, including cat food, litter boxes, cat toys and treats, cat scratchers, dog food, dog treats, beds, leashes, collars, harnesses, and food bowls. We accept slightly used items. We do not need canned pet food, the area veterinarians supply plenty of it. Please place your donations in the first bin closest to the kitchen at church. Any questions, or if you can drive for delivery, please contact Patsy.
youthdirector@christumcutah.org or 801-808-6641.

Church Women United, A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Human Rights Celebration 2020:

“2020 Vision for the Future – Unite to Serve”

Friday, March 13, 2020

9:30 a.m. Reg; 10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch

Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 East Vine Street



Keynote Speaker: Troy Williams, Equality Utah

Award Recipient: Mary Daniels

Registration: \$1

Lunch: \$5.00

For Our Community Outreach please BRING items for The Inn Between:

Powdered Creamer, Bed Pillows and Washable Covers, Toilet Paper, Personal Wipes.

Cash Donations: Checks Payable to “Church Women United,”

designated for The Inn Between.

RSVP for Lunch to Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, March 9

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.



Special Speakers

March 27th and 28th

John Pavlovitz

John will speak on Friday night and conduct a workshop on Saturday morning.

John is an author and blogger on various religious topics. Check out his website johnpavlovitz.com for different articles that he has written recently. In the past four years his blog, *Stuff That Needs To Be Said*, has reached a diverse worldwide audience. A 20-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside faith communities. John is not afraid to take on the tough questions and is outspoken about the state of the church currently and how it needs to change.

Sign up for this event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/95120276307>

April 15th, 7:00pm

Thomas Jay Oord

Thomas Jay Oord is a theologian, philosopher, and scholar of multi-disciplinary studies. Oord is a best-selling and award-winning author, having written or edited more than twenty-five books. A twelve-time Faculty Award-winning professor, Oord teaches at institutions around the globe. He is the director of the Center for Open and Relational Theology. Oord is known for his contributions to research on love, open and relational theology, science and religion, and the implications of freedom and relationships for transformation.

These events are funded by the Permanent Endowment Fund of CUMC



Troop 8410 Seeking Donations of Camping Gear

Troop 8410 is for girls who are interested in the traditional BSA program and is a separate unit from Troop 410. Because of the newness of the group and limited funds, the Troop is looking for donations of camping gear/equipment. If you have any gear that you would like to donate to a good cause, please contact Dianne Stewart @ 801-231-3964 or Kenton Bustin @ 801-259-3714

Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families (ACA)

Meeting at CUMC

www.adultchildren.org

Tuesdays at 6:30 in Room 201

This Meeting is a 12-Step Discussion Format and Open to All. Our program is about healing from the effects of having been raised in a dysfunctional family environment and how that has manifested into problems in adulthood (addictions, relationship problems, mood disorders, anger issues, physical illness, etc.)



Families Anonymous is a 12-step program for people who are dealing with a family member who has addiction issues. This group is a safe and confidential place to express your emotions, share your story, and discover the support you need to live your life in a healthy way. Everyone is warmly welcomed! **Families Anonymous meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 209 (upstairs in the Education Wing)**
Contact: Bob Forsey at bob@forseys.com or 801-556-1174.

March donation requests

For our food pantries: Cold cereal.

For our thrift store: towels.



YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER FOR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK YOUTH AGES 15 - 22

WISH LIST

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| New teen male boxer briefs sizes S-XL (32 - 38) | New teen female underwear sizes 30 - 42 |
| Teen female socks sizes 7-10 & leggings sizes S-XL | Thermal underwear |
| Jeans: Teen male sizes 30-38, female sizes 5 -16 | Teen male & female sweat pants sizes S - XL |
| Teen female winter shirts & hoodies sizes S - XL | Beanies (hats) that a teenager would wear |
| Teen male short sleeved t-shirts and long sleeved pull over shirts and hoodies sizes M - XL | |
| Sturdy winter shoes: Teen male sizes 9 - 13, Teen female shoes, sizes 7 - 10 | |

****Please note: Clothing items are for teens/young adults ages 15 -22 only. Also, with the exception of t-shirts, no summer clothing can be accepted at this time. Clothing, etc. can be gently used, but no holes or stains please.**

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| Hotel sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion; chapstick | Hair brushes and hair ties | | |
| Blankets | Umbrellas | Tarps | Rain Ponchos |
| Sleeping Bags | Towels | Flat sheets, twin size | |

\$5 & \$10 gift cards to Smith's, Walmart, or Target for miscellaneous items and medication co-pays

VOLUNTEERS are needed!

Meals <https://www.voaut.org/volunteer-opportunities/provide-a-meal>.

The Youth Resource Center also, needs help sorting donations. 801-363-9414



THANK YOU for your donations!

You are making the world a better place, one youth at a time.

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**Do you sing, dance, do magic tricks?
Or do you play an instrument
or do dramatic readings?**

Share your Talent with your church family!

**Saturday April 4th will be
the CUMC Talent Show**

**This event will be organized by the Youth.
Watch for more details to come!**